

1 [Urging the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Health and
2 Human Services to Accelerate the Purchasing and Distribution of Monkeypox Vaccines]

3 **Resolution urging the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of**
4 **Health and Human Services to urgently accelerate the purchasing and distribution of**
5 **monkeypox vaccines, prioritize vaccine access for populations at the highest risk of**
6 **contracting the virus, and eliminate administrative barriers to treatment.**

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8 WHEREAS, Monkeypox is a formerly rare disease caused by infection with the
9 monkeypox virus; and

10 WHEREAS, Monkeypox primarily spreads through prolonged skin to skin contact, sex,
11 kissing, breathing at very close range, or sharing bedding and clothing; and

12 WHEREAS, Monkeypox can cause fever, headache, muscle aches, chills, exhaustion,
13 rashes, and sores; and

14 WHEREAS, Monkeypox has recently spread to non-endemic countries including the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Monkeypox is spreading quickly in cities with disproportionately large
17 populations of men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) and trans people, and disproportionately
18 impacting these populations; and

19 WHEREAS, Confirmed cases in San Francisco increased from 16 on June 29, 2022, to
20 60 on July 12, 2022; and

21 WHEREAS, This is likely an undercount given a lack of access to widespread testing;
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23 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public recommends getting a vaccine
24 within 14 days of exposure to monkeypox; and

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1 WHEREAS, Many people who have been exposed to monkeypox in San Francisco
2 report being unable to access vaccinations; and

3 WHEREAS, On July 1, 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
4 ordered 2.5 million doses of Bavarian Nordic's JYNNEOS, an FDA-licensed vaccine indicated
5 for prevention of smallpox and monkeypox; and

6 WHEREAS, The July 1 order brings the total number of JYNNEOS vaccines HHS
7 plans to purchase to just over 4 million; and

8 WHEREAS, HHS is planning to deliver those doses, enough to fully vaccinate
9 approximately 2 million people, over the remainder of 2022 and 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, A 2016 study titled “Estimating the Population Sizes of Men Who Have
11 Sex With Men in US States and Counties Using Data From the American Community Survey”
12 published in the JMIR Public Health and Surveillance found that there are approximately
13 4,503,080 self-reported MSM living in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, The same study also found that among counties with over 300,000
15 residents, San Francisco has the highest county-level percentage of MSM in the United
16 States, at 18.5% of adult men; and

17 WHEREAS, A 2016 report by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law found
18 that there are approximately 1,400,000 self-identified transgender adults living in the United
19 States; and

20 WHEREAS, The United Kingdom, Germany, and Canada are now offering monkeypox
21 vaccines to anyone deemed at high risk of infection, while the United States continues to limit
22 the vaccine to people at high risk of infection with presumed exposures; and

23 WHEREAS, The 4 million doses the federal government plans to distribute through the
24 end of 2023 will not be enough to fully vaccinate even half of the United States’ MSM and
25 trans population; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Centers for Disease Control
2 and Prevention to immediately release a vaccine prioritization plan based on risk of
3 contracting the virus and medical vulnerability; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Department of
5 Health and Human Services to purchase and distribute enough doses to vaccinate everyone
6 at risk of contracting the virus, including all MSM, trans people, and sex workers; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate
9 all possible administrative and bureaucratic barriers to treatment access; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
11 Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of Health and Human Services
12 and Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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